(d) Does not arise.

Proposal for Setting up Steel Plants

5284. SHRI ANANTA SETHI: Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have a proposal to set up some major, medium and mini steel plants in the country during Ninth Plan;

(b) whether any steel plant is proposed to be set up in Orissa during that period;

(c) if so, the places identified for the location of these steel plants; and

(d) the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF STEEL (SHRI DILIP RAY): (a) to (d) According to the New Industrial Policy annoucned in July, 1991, Iron and Steel Industry has been de-licensed and removed from the List of Industries reserved for the Public Sector subject to certain locational restrictions. No industrial license is, therefore, required for setting up of Iron and Steel Plants and the entrepreneurs are free to set up such plants anywhere in the country except in the restricted locations. The Union Government at present have no proposal to set up any new/green-field steel plant in the country during the IXth Five Year Plan. However, the Govt. of Orissa, MMTC Ltd. and MECON (India) Ltd. are jointly setting up an integrated steel plant in the name of Neelachal Ispat Nigam Ltd. of capacity 1.1 million tonnes per annum at Duburi, near Jajpur Road in Orissa for the manufacture of Pig. Iron, Steel billets & wire rods.

Commissioning of Pig Iron Plant at Kudremukh Iron Ore

5285. SHRI K.C. KONDAIAH: Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to commission pig iron plant at Kudremukh Iron Ore Company Ltd.;

(b) if so, the estimated cost of the same;

(c) by when it would be commissioned; and

(d) the steps taken by Government to diversify and enter into manufacture of value added products by Kudremukh Iron Ore Company Ltd.?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF STEEL (SHRI DILIP RAY) (a) to (c) M/s Kudremukh Iron & Steel Company Ltd. has been established to set up a Pig Iron and a Ductile Iron Spun Pipe (DISP) Plant at Mangalore. The Pig Iron Plant is expected to be commissioned by June 2000. The estimated cost of the Pig Iron Plant and the Ductile Iron Spun Pipe Plant together is Rs. 328 crores.

(d) Kudremukh Iron Ore Company Ltd. (KIOCL) has already set up a Pellet Plant of 3 million tonnes per year capacity at Mangalore. Pellet is a value added product. The capacity of the Pellet Plant has been augmented to 4 million tones per annum. As a diversification measure, KIOCL in Joint Venture with M/s MECON and MSTC, has established a separate company called Kudremukh Iron & Steel Company Ltd. for the purpose of setting up of the Pig Iron & the Ductile Iron Spun Pipe Plant.

Shipbreaking Yard at Paradeep Port

5286. SHRI ANANTA SETHI: Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

(a) the ports where shipbreaking facilities are available at present;

(b) whether the proposal to set up a shipbreaking yard at Paradeep and to convert it into a shipbreaking port is under the consideration of Government;

(c) if so, the reasons for the delay; and

(d) the steps taken to set up the shipbreaking yeard at Paradeep?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF STEEL (SHRI DILIP RAY): (a) The shipbreaking facilities are presently available at—

Alang Sosiya in Gujarat.

Sacchana in Gujarat.

Mumbai in Maharashtra.

Coleutta in West Bengal.

Kakinada in Andhra Pradesh.

(b) No, Sir. There is no proposal at present under consideration of Ministry of Steel to set up a shipbreaking yard at Paradeep.

(c) and (d) Questions do not arise in view of (b) above.